CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Applicant:	The High Court of Auckland
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
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Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. It depicts a naked girl watching a screen that has sexual content. She is positioned in a manner that emphasises her youthfulness and suggests her sexual availability. The purpose of the image is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children. Images such as this encourage viewers to see young girls as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.